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SUBJECT: ICAO: FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 15:
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE ALTERATIONS

REFERENCE: MONTREAL 1765

1. WE SHARE US REP'S CONCERNS THAT ICAO COUNCIL NOT GO OFF
HALFCKOCKED IN APPROVING 400,000 DOLLARS ERO ALTERATIONS
BEFORE KNOWING THE DETAILS -- AND WHETHER MODIFICATIONS
EVEN NECESSARY. BASED ON NEW CANADIAN REP'S REACTION
REPORTED REFTEL, BELIEVE U.S. REP SHOULD WORK WITH HIM
AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED REPS TO DELAY DECISION THIS MATTER
UNTIL MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE -- AND SUGGESTED
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOF AND ECAC COMPLETED.

2. WE BELIEVE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SHOULD BE
ANSWERED BEFORE A DECISION IS WARRANTED:

-- A. WHAT IS THE DELAY ON RESOLVING THE TITLE QUESTION?
AFTER 12 YEARS WE SHOULD HAVE AN ANSWER.

-- B. WHAT PERCENT OF THE INCREASE IN STAFF FROM 31 TO 46
IS DUE ECAC ACTIVITY? WHAT PERCENT TOTAL ERO ACTIVITY IS
DUE TO ECAC? SHOULD NOT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH ECAC
REGARDING PRESENT REIMBURSEMENT AS WELL AS PRO RATA

SHARE OF ANY ALTERATIONS DECIDED UPON REFLECT THAT
PROPORTION OF TOTAL ERO EXPENSES DUE TO ECAC ACTIVITY?
PERHAPS ECAC SHOULD PAY ALL OF ALTERATIONS COSTS IF IT IS
RESPONSIBLE FOR NEED FOR ALTERATIONS.

-- C. DISREGARDING ECAC PARTICIPATION, SHOULD NOT GOF
PAY SOME PORTION ALTERATION COSTS AS PRESENT EQUITY
(APPARENTLY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT)?

-- D.WHERE IS THE 400,000 DOLLARS COMING FROM? IF WE
HAVE TRULY SURPLUS FUNDS AVAILABLE, IS THIS THE BEST USE
FOR THEM?

3. YOU MAY WISH DISCRETELY TO RAISE ISSUE PERHAPS IN
CORRIDORS AS TO WISDOM OF PUTTING SO MUCH MONEY INTO
EUROPEAN REGIONAL OFFICE WHEN OTHER REGIONS ALSO HAVE
REGIONAL OFFICES. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO STIMULATE,
HOWEVER, ANY GENERAL PUSH TO UPGRADE ALL REGIONAL OFFICES.

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ON ERO BUILDING. CONSEQUENTLY, COPIES OF PERTINENT
FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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